

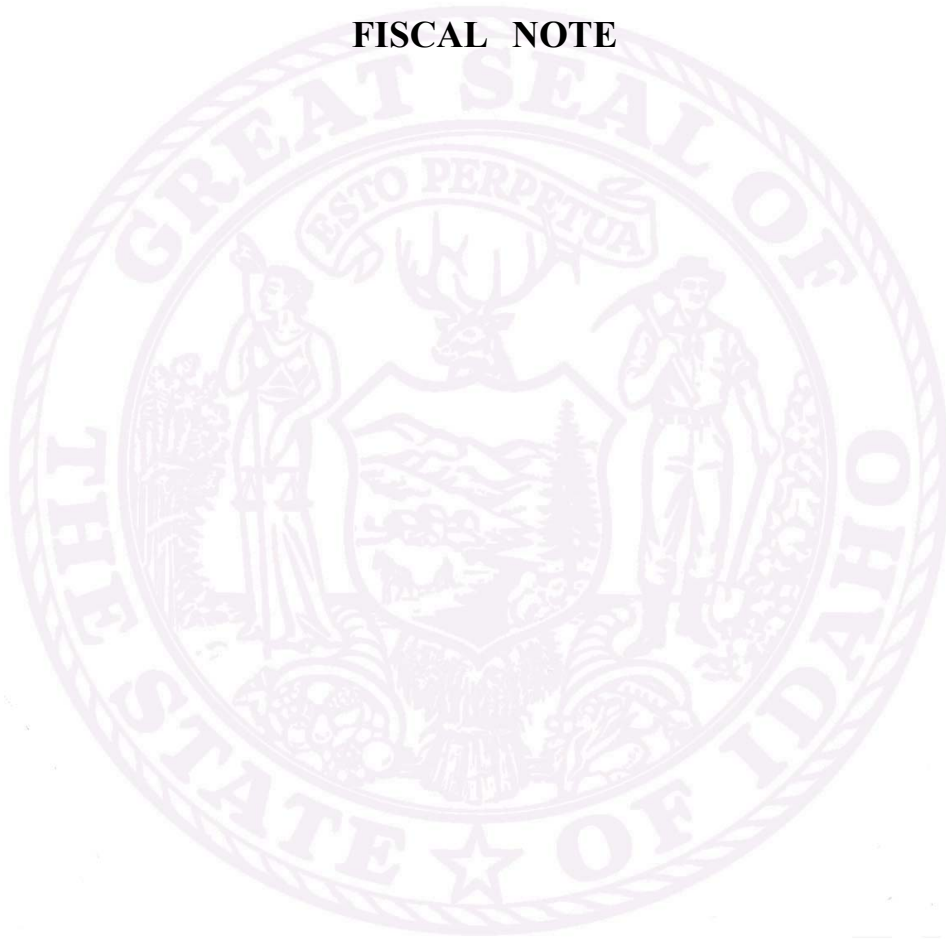
## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS21225C1

Idaho's economy depends on the success of our rural communities. Idaho's diverse terrain and unique culture is characteristic of why our rural communities have such incredible character. Yet difficult terrain should not impede Idaho citizens from affordable access to broadband technology, because the survival of rural communities depends on continued access to advanced broadband technology. The Idaho legislature urges the FCC and the Idaho congressional delegation to use the Universal Service Fund, the Connect America Fund, and other resources to accelerate the development of broadband telecommunications in rural Idaho and neighboring state rural areas.

### FISCAL NOTE

None

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